The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I don't think so."

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"May I request the hon. Member for Revenue to come to Bellary at the time of the Christmas, because I believe Mr. Tasker of the Nizam's Government, who is interested in Irrigation schemes, is also visiting Bellary at that time ?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"Order, order. I do not think it is a supplementary question."

Mr. T. NARASA REDDI :—"May I know how many districts are affected by the proposed scheme ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I think four ; Bellary, Anantapur, Kurnool and Cuddapah."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—"Considering the recommendation of the Ceded Districts Irrigation Committee, may I know whether the Government have decided to treat the Tungabhadra Scheme by itself or merely as part of a larger scheme including Kistna also ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"We are also considering the Kistna Scheme."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know whether along with the Tungabhadra Project, other projects also are considered and whether the execution of the other projects like Belahal are dependent on the Tungabhadra Project."

The hon. Mr A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"With regard to the particular one which the hon. Member refers, I am not quite sure whether it is also included."

Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—"May I know if the other projects or portions thereof may be executed irrespective of the fact whether or not the Tungabhadra project is carried out ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—"I cannot answer without knowing what Projects are referred to."

Loans

Repayment of takavi loans in Bellary district.

*17 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR : Will the hon. the Revenue Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Revenue officials in the Bellary district are calling upon the ryots to pay the takavi loans immediately in spite of representations from them that they cannot pay them as they have not yet harvested crops and that they are unable to get advances on their crops from merchants owing to the prevailing economic depression of trade ; and

(b) whether the Government would be pleased to issue instructions to postpone their collection for a period of six months by which time they can sell their produce including cotton ?

A.—(a) & (b) The payments in question relate to instalments which fell due for collection in March and April 1930 and which have remained uncollected since then. Tahsildars have been instructed by the Collector to make liberal use of rule IX of the revised Loan Rules in cases in which the repayment of the instalment will be unduly burdensome. The Tahsildars of

Hospet, Rayadrug, Alur, Siruguppa and Bellary under the discretion given them by the rule referred to have postponed the collection of certain amounts to fasli 1340. The effect of such postponement is that the amounts originally due in March and April 1930 will not be due now until March and April 1931 and the remaining instalments of the loans in question, including that due in 1340, are each postponed by one year, no interest being charged for the year for which such instalment is postponed. The Government consider that no further relief is necessary.

Diwan Bahadur M. GOPALASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—" May I ask the hon. the Revenue Member whether the system of takavi loan, as gathered from various reports, has been a very unhappy one and whether in view of that is he prepared to write off the loans ? "

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. CAMPBELL :—" We cannot write off all these loans at present."

Jails

Number of persons convicted for political offences from March to October 1930.

* 18 Q.—Mr. SAMI VENKATACHALAM CHETTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of persons convicted for political offences in all the courts of the Presidency from March to October 1930 districtwar and in the City of Madras, with the sections under which they were convicted ;

(*b*) the number of convictions against which appeals were launched, the number of such appeals confirmed by the Appellate Courts, the number of such appeals in which the sentence of the lower Court was quashed or revised or in which a retrial was ordered ;

(*c*) the number of persons placed in each class of prisoners by the convicting Magistrate ; and

(*d*) instances of the classification ordered by the Magistrates having been revised by the Government either on appeal on behalf of the prisoners or on notice by the Government ?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information.

(*c*) The Government have no information, but they have called for it.

(*d*) The Government have revised the classification in about 176 cases.

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" With reference to clause (*d*) of the question requiring instances of the classification ordered by the Magistrates, the answer given is ' the Government have revised the classification in about 176 cases '. Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to lay on the table the names of prisoners in whose cases classification has been changed ? "

The hon. Diwan Bahadur Sir M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Does my hon. Friend want that information with reference to all the 176 cases ? "

Rao Bahadur C. S. RATNASABHAPATI MUDALIYAR :—" I want only instances of classification of cases in addition to the number."